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#### GOHSEP DIRECTOR APPOINTED TO NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

BATON ROUGE (July 27, 2010) – The Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) Director Mark Cooper has been appointed to the National Advisory Council (NAC). According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) website, the NAC is a group selected to advise the Administrator of FEMA on "all aspects of emergency management". The NAC consists of representatives from the state, local, tribal and the private sector. Only one state emergency management director from the 50 states is selected for this prestigious position.

"It is an honor to be a part of FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate's advisory council," said Cooper. "Administrator Fugate and I have worked well together in the past and as a former emergency manager in Florida, he is all too familiar with the types of emergencies we have here in Louisiana. This appointment will provide an excellent opportunity for me to advise FEMA on the challenges facing emergency management from all states, but also the concerns of Louisiana and our gulf state partners."

Prior to his appointment by Governor Bobby Jindal to become GOHSEP Director, Cooper worked in Los Angeles County for almost 20 years in public safety and emergency management. He spent 10 of those years with the Los Angeles County fire Department where he was Deputy Chief.

Since Cooper's appointment to GOHSEP, many innovative programs have been implemented including a Business Emergency Operations Center (BEOC) at LSU to support business and industry, the "Get a Game Plan" emergency public awareness campaign, the state's first urban

search and rescue program, and interoperable communications with the state's 700 mhz radio system.

Here is the list of officials appointed to NAC:

- Emergency Management - Mark Cooper, Executive Director, Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, LA Governor Bobby Jindal
- Public Health - Paul Biedrzycki, Director, Disease Control & Environmental Health, City of Milwaukee Health Department
- Emergency Medical Providers - Conrad "Chuck" Kearns, Vice President & Chief Operating Officer, Community Emergency Medical Services
- Special Needs - June Kailes, Disability Policy Consultant, Center for Disability and Health Policy, Western University of Health Sciences
- State Non-Elected Official - David Miller, Administrator, Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division
- Tribal Non-Elected Official - Chuck Kmet, Emergency Management Administrator, Tohono O'odham Department of Public Safety
- Standards Setting - Elizabeth Armstrong, Executive Director, International Association of Emergency Managers
- Administrator's Selection - Nancy Dragani, Executive Director, Ohio Emergency Management Agency
- Administrator's Selection - Teresa Scott, Director of Public Works, City of Gainesville
- Administrator's Selection - Adora Obi Nweze, President, Florida State Conference, NAACP
- *Ex Officio* - Christine Wormuth, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Homeland Defense and Americas' Security Affairs, Department of Defense
- *Ex Officio* - Kevin Yeskey, Deputy Assistant Secretary & Director of Office of Preparedness and Emergency Operations, Department of Health and Human Services

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